

Applicant: Goguen, *et al.*
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REMARKS

This is in response to the ex Parte Quale action mailed June 13, 2006. Claims 1-11 are pending. In the Office Action, Claims 3-9 and 11 have been allowed and Claims 1 and 2 are objected to due to informalities. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended with the filing of this response. The Examiner also noted that figures 4A-B, 8A1-8A4, 8B1-8B4, 8C1-8C4, 8D1-8D4, and 11A,B are not listed in the Brief Descriptions of the Drawings. Further, the numbering scheme of these drawings does not match the numbering of in the Detailed Description of the application.

Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 2 to remove the formalities upon which the Examiner objected to these claims. Applicants believe that these claims should not be in condition for allowance.

The Brief Descriptions of the Drawings has been modified to include the aforementioned figures that were not listed in the specification. Please find above a replacement Brief Description of the Drawings. Applicants believe the Brief Description of the Drawings should now be acceptable for publication.

The Detailed Description has also been modified to refer to the new numbering scheme. As modified above, Applicants believe that the Detailed Description should now be acceptable for publication.

Applicants would also like to state that they agree with Examiner that Claims 3-11 are allowable over the prior art because they are not found, taught, or suggested in the prior art of record.

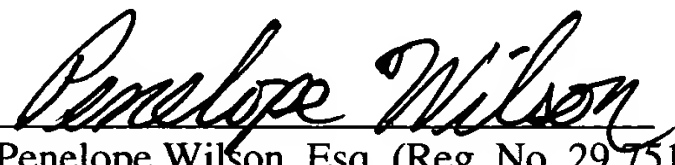
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In view of the foregoing, the Applicants' believe that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable reconsideration. In the event the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (508) 293-7998.

Please charge all fees occasioned by this submission to Deposit Account No. 05-0889.

Respectfully submitted,

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